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1. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER DE KONING CONFIRMED PUBLICLY ON HIS RETURN FROM SURINAM MARCH 20 THAT THE NETHERLANDS WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE BAUXITE PROJECT IN WEST SURINAM BUT THAT SURINAM MUST STICK TO ITS AGREEMENT TO BEAR ONE-QUARTER OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE BAUXITE RAILROAD, WHICH MEANS IT WILL HAVE TO TAKE OUT A LOAN OF 50 MILLION GUILDERS (ONE DOLLAR NOW EQUALS 2.18 GUILDERS) ON THE INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL MARKET. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE NETHER-
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LANDS IS PREPARED TO GUARANTEE SUCH A LOAN AND PAY SURINAM'S DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE IMF, THE WORLD BANK AND THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, WHILE A POLICY-MAKING BODY FOR THE WEST SURINAM PROJECT WILL BE SET UP, HEADED BY SURINAM'S FINANCE MINISTER DE GOEDE, TO MAKE BOTH LONG- AND SHORT-TERM PLANS.

2. MINISTER DE KONING REPORTED THAT HE HAD FAILED TO RESOLVE THE

DIFFERENCES OVER THE WAY DUTCH AID SHOULD BE SPENT WHICH LED TO THE
BREAKDOWN OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WITHIN THE
NETHERLANDS-SURINAM DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION COMMITTEE (CONS). DE
KONING THOUGHT THAT AN OFFICIAL WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL BE SET
UP TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM WOULD COME TO A SOLUTION IN ABOUT SIX
MONTHS.
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